

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

One Replacement Drawing Sheet is attached hereto containing an amended Figure 3. In the amended Figure 3, reference numerals have been used to identify the method steps shown in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Office Action and in accordance with the amendments to the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by the amendments to the drawings.

REMARKS

This paper is being provided in response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated September 30, 2009, for the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-52. Applicants address herein the information requests from the Examiner and the objections to the figures and written description. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification and drawings contained herein to not add new subject matter.

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the request by the Examiner, Applicants have provided copies of the requested references DIN 4701/VDI 2067 and first German Federal Emission Control Ordinance (1.BImSchV) that are identified in the specification (corresponding to items 6A and 6D in the Office Action). Applicants amended the specification to identify slightly more accurately the translated title of the above-noted "Control Ordinance" to be first German Federal Emission Protection Decree (1.BImSchV). With respect to DE 6 326 281 C2 (item 6B in the Office Action), Applicants note that this citation contains a typographical error and have amended the specification to correctly identify the reference as DE 3 626 281 C2 in accordance with the discussion of the reference in the specification. Applicants submit that this reference was provided in the IDS and Form PTO-1449 that filed with the application on August 21, 2006. With respect to DE 162 581.9 (item 6C in the Office Action), Applicants note that this citation contains typographical errors and have amended the specification to correctly identify the reference as DE 100 62 581 in accordance with the discussion of the reference in the

specification. Applicants submit that this reference was provided in the IDS and Form PTO-1449 that filed with the application on August 21, 2006.

Applicants have corrected, with amendments herein, the placement of the heading "Summary of the Invention" that was added via the Preliminary Amendment filed August 21, 2006, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Office Action.

Concerning the term $P_{Br, actual}$, Applicants have corrected typographical inconsistencies in the specification (paragraph beginning on 14, line 30, as noted above) to correctly identify the term $P_{Br, actual}$ (instead of $P_{F, actual}$) in the paragraph in accordance with the illustration of the term shown in Figure 1 and based on the discussion in the specification. Applicants have also corrected the term $P_{useful, actual}$ in the above-noted paragraph of the specification to read $P_{heating actual}$ in accordance with the illustration of the term shown in Figure 1. Concerning the term $P_{gain, actual}$, Applicants note that this term is already included at the end of the above-noted paragraph (see page 15, line 7) of the originally-submitted English specification and is in accordance with Figure 1.

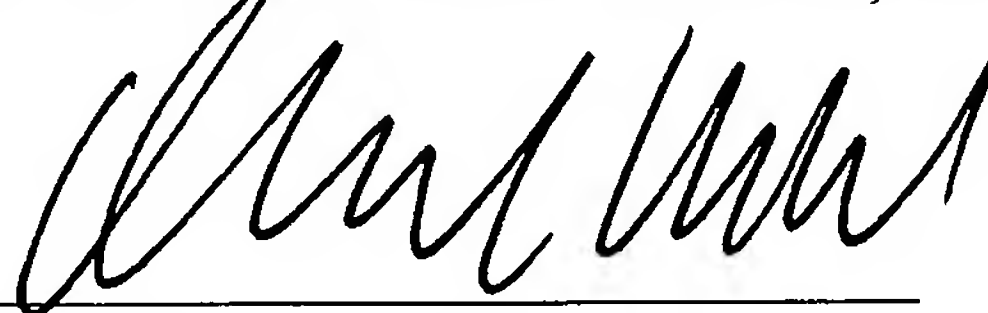
Concerning the reference numeral "15" shown in Figure 1, Applicants have identified the element in the specification that is described by this reference numeral in the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 8, and have amended the above-noted paragraph to correctly reference element 15 and appropriately cite to Figure 1.

Concerning $T_{\text{outside, measurement limit}}$, Applicants have identified the discussion of this term in the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 5 and have amended the paragraph to correctly reference the term and appropriately cite to Figure 2.

Concerning the correspondence of the legends of the method sequence illustrated in Figure 3 with the text of the specification, Applicants have amended Figure 3 to include reference numerals of the method sequence 100 and steps 101-108 and have added a paragraph to the specification with text that explicitly corresponds with the steps 101-108 that are identified in Figure 3.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 508-898-8603.

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